वर्ष कर देना चाहिए । मान्यवर, आज सवाल इस बात का है कि हमारे देश के नौजवान इतने सक्षम हैं कि वे राष्ट्रीय समस्याओं, राष्ट्रीय मुद्दों और आज राष्ट्र जिन संकटों और चुनौतियों का सामना कर रहा है, उससे वे भलीभांति वाकिफ हैं लेकिन वे अपना दृष्टिकोण भी प्रस्तुत कर सकें। निर्वाचन की प्रक्रिया के माध्यम से जब वे गुजरें तो अपना दृष्टिकोण प्रस्तुत करने के बाद वे एक प्रतिनिधि के रूप में ये सारी बातें रख सकें, इसका भी उन्हें इससे मौका मिल पायेगा । यह बड़ी विडंबना है कि एक तरफ हमारे यहां प्रजातांत्रिक प्रणाली में ऐसी व्यवस्था है कि लोकल बाडीज के जो चुनाव होते हैं, नगर पालिकाओं और नगर निगमों के, उसमें जो आयु सीमा उम्मीदवार की है, वह 21 वर्ष रखी गयी है लेकिन विधान सभा और लोक सभा के लिए आयु सीमा 25 वर्ष रखी गई है । यह असमानता अपने आप में एक विडंबना है । इस असमानता को दूर करने के लिये आज जब हम इस संकल्प पर विचार कर रहे हैं तो इस पर हमें निर्णय करना चाहिए, इस विश्वास के साथ कि इस देश के नौजवान किसी भी प्रकार का न केवल निर्णय लेने में बल्कि किसी भी प्रकार की नीति निर्धारण की प्रक्रिया में परिपक्व और सक्षम हैं, हर तरह से नौजवानों की मानसिक स्थिति अपने आप में परिपूर्ण और परिपक्व है और एक मायने में वह देश के नव निर्माण में न केवल अहम भूमिका अदा कर सकता है, बल्कि अहम फैसले भी ले सकता है । यह एक विडंबना की बात है कि एक तरफ हमारे यहां शादी की उम्र 21 वर्ष पुरुष के लिए और 18 वर्ष महिला के लिए है लेकिन चुनाव लड़ने वाले उम्मीदवार की आयु लोक सभा और विधान सभा के लिए 25 वर्ष और विधान परिषद और राज्य सभा के लिये 30 वर्ष । यह असमानता दूर करने की बात है । एक तरफ हमारी सीमाओं की रक्षा करने के लिए जो जवान तैनात किये जाते हैं उनकी जब आयु 21 वर्ष की होती है तो हम उनको सक्षम मानते हैं ।

उपसभाध्यक्ष (श्री सत्य प्रकाश मालवीय) : गैर सरकारी सदस्यों का समय समाप्त हो रहा है। अब आप अगले दिन चालू रखिये ।

श्री सुरेश पचौरी : धन्यवाद ।

THE VICE-CHAIRMAN (SHRI SATYA PRAKASH MALA-VTYA) : The next item is "Statement to be made by the Minister of State for Home and Parliamentary Affairs regarding -recovery of huge quantity of nrms and ammunition at Ahmedabad (Gujarat)". Let the copies be distributed first.

STATEMENT BY MINISTER

Recovery of Huge Quantity of Arms and Ammunition at Ahmedabad (Gujarat)

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI M.M. JACOB) : Sir- I rise to inform the House of the seizure of huge quantities of arms and explosives made in Ahmedabad recently.

The chain of events started with the arrest of one Lai Singh *alias* Manjit Singh in Bombay on the 16th of July. During the course of his interrogation he revealed certain details of his activites pertaining to Gujarat. These included acquisition of a few houses and vehicles. The houses were used for sheltering terrorists as well as storage of arms and explosives brought in from Pakistan. The vehicles including a truck were "sed for transporting the weapons etc. to various destinations. On the basis of the disclosures, searches were conducted of these houses as well as of those of his accomplices in Ahmedabsd en 24th July 1992. In the course of these

searhces* the following arms and explosives were seized:—

(1) Rocket Launchers	—4
(2) AK 56 Rifles	—35
(3) Pistols	—14
(4) Magazines of AK-56 Rifles/Pistols	—100
(5) Drum Magazines	—1
(6) 82.2 Grenades	—25
(7) H.G. 35 Grenades	—12
(8) Light Machine Gun	—1
(9) Packets of white coloured explosives	—20
(10 Packets of black coloured explosives	—35
(11) Packets of gelatine	—34

[The Vice-Chairman (Sarimati Jayanthi Natarajan) in the Chair]

(12) Rockets	—8
(13) Electric wire for explosives	—5
(14) Insulating Roll	—14
(15) Booby wire Tape	—9
(16) Bundles of detonators	—3
(17) Plugs	—14
(18) Cartridges of AK-56 Rifles	—541
(19) Catridges of Pistols	—1004
(20) Cartridges of 9 mm	—699
(21) Fuse Plastic Rolls	—14
(22) Hand Grenades.	—10
(23) Transistors Bombs	3

Cases have been registered under TADA- Arms Act and I.P.C. against Lai Singh and eleven other persons. Four persons namely Akram-I resident of Palampur, Mohmed Anwar, Mohmed Ismail Saiyed, resident of Kureshi Nagar, Haider Hussain Kalubhai Kureshi, resident of Juhapura and Musahin Abdul Samir Shaikh also of resident Juhapura have also been arrested so far.

Investigation to find more details of Lai Singh's terrorist activities and linkages is continuing. In iview of the wide ramifications of these developments within the country and abroad, the Government on the request of the State Government has decided to entrust the investigation to the CBI.

These seizures and disclosures made by Lai Singh reconfirm our apprehensions of the sinister designs of the terrorists and the support being received by them from Pakistan I am sure, the House would join me in expressing grave concern in the matter.

Thank you, Madam.

SHRI SANGH PRIYA GAUTAM (Uttar Pradesh) : Madam, when are you going to take up the clarifications on this statement, today itself or on Monday ?

THE VICE-CHAIRMAN (SHRI MATI JAYANTHINATARAJAN):
The clarifications on this statement will be taken up on Monday. Now we have to take up the clarifications on the Statement made by the Minister of Environment. But first the Minister of State for Home Affairs is going to make an announce ment regarding the Government business for the next week.

ANNOUNCEMENT REGARDING GOVERNMENT BUSINESS IN THE RAJYA SABHA DURING THE WEEK COMMENCING MONDAY 3RD AUGUST, 1992

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI M.M. JACOB) : Madam Vice-Chairman, with your permission. I rise to announce that Government Business during the week commencing 2rd August, 1992, will consist of :

1. Consideration and passing of:

(a) The Bhopal Gas Leak Disaster (Processing of Claims) Amendment Bill, 1992, as passed by Lok Sabha.

The National Waterway (Kollam-Kottapuram Stretch of West Coast Canal and Champakara and Udyog Mandal Canals) Bill 1992, as passed by Lok Sabha.

The Sick Industrial Companies (Special Provisions) Amendment Bill, 1992.

The Army (Amendment) Bill, 1992, as passed by Lok Sabha. - -

(e) The Beedi & Cigar Worker (Conditions of Employment) Amendment Bill, 1990.

Discussion on the Resolutions seeking disapproval of the Capital Issues (Control) Repeal Ordinance, 1992, and consideration and passing of the Capital Issues (Control) Repeal Bill, 1992, as passed by Lok Sabha.

Consideration and passing of the Banking Companies (Acquisition & Transfer of Undertakings Amendment Bill, 1992, as passed by Lok Sabha.

THE VICE-CHAIRMAN (SHRIMATI JAYANTHI NATARAJAN): Now we will take up clarifications on the statement made by the Minister of Environment and Forests.

CLARIFICATIONS ON STATE-MENT BY MINISTER

United Natians Conference On Environment And Development

SHRI JAGESH DESAI (Maharashtra) : Madam Vice-Chairman, first of all I wish to compliment our Prime Minister and our Minister of Environment. I must say that our Minister of Environment was there from the beginning of the conference and he had mobilised the support of all the Third World countries. It is after a long time that our country in such a forum has proved that we have got that capacity. As regards environment, I had been to Uganda where there was an Inter-Parfiamentary Union Conference and this subject was discussed there also. A resolution was passed there because USA at that time was not willing to contribute. It is a developed country and it has made developing countries suffer and as such it is the duty of developed countries to help developing countries by giving finance for tfie-